

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **HIRAO, TEIZO et al.**

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Serial No.: **09/926,540**

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For: **SEALING BUSH FOR TUBE INSERTED THROUGH PARTITION AND
MULTI-FLASH EVAPORATOR INCORPORATING SAME**

DECLARATION UNDER M.P.E.P. §605.04(c)
ACCOMPANYING PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.182

I, Kouji TAKANABE, state that:

1. I am a citizen of Japan, and a resident of Japan;
2. I am duly authorized to execute this document;
3. I am one of the joint inventors of the above-captioned patent application;
4. My name, Kouji TAKANABE, was erroneously spelled, due to a clerical error in the PCT patent application (PCT/JP00/03172) corresponding to the above-captioned U.S. patent application, as Kouzi TAKANABE;
5. The correct spelling of my name is Kouji TAKANABE; and
6. I declare under penalty of perjury under Section 1746 of Title 28 of the United States Code that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: March 12, 2002

By: Kouji Takanabe

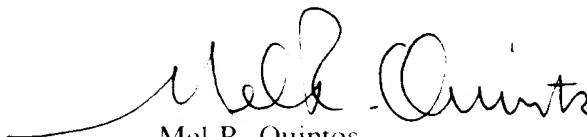
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The applicants respectfully submit herewith a check in the amount of \$ 130.00 for the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h). In the event this paper is not timely filed, the applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be requested with respect to this paper.

Respectfully Submitted,

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